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W. B. CARR,  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this thirty-first day of October, 1900.

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 25, 1901.

## HOYT AND SULLIVAN.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's death recalls what was probably the greatest fleeting joy ever enjoyed by any product of the human mind. The opera "H. M. S. Pinafore" set the English-speaking countries agog as no other novel, song or play, not barring "Trilby," ever did. Pinafore with English-speaking races appointed to a mania like the tulipomania of Holland.

A peculiarly happy combination of literary and musical ability produced the work. Sullivan was no more deserving in music than Gilbert in literature. It was not as with Wagner's work, poets adorning his music and deprecating its poetry and musicians admiring its poetry and deprecating its music. The work pleased critics of music and poetry alike. It was as great an amusement success as the world has ever seen. Men did not need to cultivate a taste to enjoy it. Perhaps because of the immediate character of its appeal to the people it had to sacrifice those more stable qualities needed for permanent success.

Sir Arthur Sullivan was to English light opera what Hoyt was to English farce-comedy. Each developed his field to the utmost and enjoyed the climax of success before his death.

## ARMY INCREASE.

President McKinley's determination to ask Congress to authorize the increase of the regular army to a total of 100,000 men is compelled by existing conditions in the Philippines and by the inevitable future demands of his own policy of foreign conquest and landgrabbing on the European model.

If the Philippines are to be subjugated and governed without their consent it will, indeed, require the services of 100,000 soldiers in that field alone for some years to come. This plain truth should be looked squarely in the face. It is insisted upon by General MacArthur and all other military authorities familiar with the Philippine situation.

The army increase to be asked for by the President is unquestionably needed. It is not needed by the Republic, but it is sorely needed by the Empire, and a greater increase will be imperative in the near future if McKinley imperialism is to be continued as the "American" policy. It is for us to decide if the policy of Empire is to prevail beyond the second administration of President McKinley. In the meantime we must, of course, meet the demands which the existing situation makes for the upholding of American prestige. The necessity is unpleasant, but it may at least tend to American welfare and safety in the years to come by giving us an overplus of imperialism and the cost and peril of imperialism at an early stage of our departure from Americanism.

## REDUCE THE DEFICIT.

It is to be hoped that the announcement by the City Comptroller, that the city will have a deficit of \$1,250,000 by next April, will bring to their senses the persons who have been agitating a reduction of the city's water rates. St. Louis, in its present condition, cannot tolerate a reduction of its income from any source.

Question is rather how that income can be increased in some way to meet the needs of the city. If an administration had been in charge of the city which enjoyed the confidence of the people steps to this end would have been canvassed before this.

St. Louis must husband all its resources, by whatever avenue they come. When the time arrives the city may be able to divert the water-rate accumulations to the place in the city economy where they will be most needed, whether that place is the payment of the deficit which the Ziegenhain administration

tration has piled on the city, the improvement of elementary institutions, the construction of streets or the installation of a filter plant.

Until that time, St. Louis is perfectly willing that the water-rate accumulations shall stand where they are, secure from the blighting agency that considers the chief duty of a municipal government to supply salaried places for the cogs in the party machinery.

Under present conditions, with a full appreciation of the deplorable financial condition of the city, the crusade for a reduction of the water rates becomes a joke.

## SOLUTION IS EASY.

If the municipal administration had the ability or the desire to solve the financial trouble which Comptroller Sturgeon estimates will result in a deficit of \$1,250,000 by the end of the fiscal year, they would go about the work as Street Commissioner Varrelmann proposes to go about securing funds for doing the most indispensable of the street-cleaning work for lack of which St. Louis is suffering.

Street Commissioner Varrelmann proposes to do without the services of two superintendents, two assistant superintendents and twenty inspectors of the street repair force in order to use the money which would be paid them in salaries in cleaning the streets.

Here is the solution of the financial difficulties of the city: Cut off needless officials who draw big salaries for doing practically nothing, put the whole force of city employees on a business basis and demand that every man who draws a salary shall do work for the city, not for a political machine, commensurate with his salary.

This is the solution which Councilman Hodges, before he resigned the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, attempted to put in practice. He introduced a number of bills for that purpose, but these bills never got out of the pigeonholes of the committees to which they were referred. They were throttled by the Mayor and his henchmen who profited by the all-for-salaries policy. So disgusted was Councilman Hodges with the lack of support for measures of such paramount importance that he resigned the chairmanship of the committee. Since then the all-for-salaries policy has saddled upon St. Louis a deficit of \$500,000 and before the end of the year the deficit will have grown to \$1,250,000.

When, as a result of the elections next April, a strong, able business administration is placed in power in St. Louis there will be no trouble curing the present financial ills and supplying money for all the needs of the city. Able committees in Council and House of Delegates, working for the city and not for a party machine or for political friends, will scan the salary list of the city and will slash unmercifully the needless expenditures which now deplete the city treasury. They will put the city on a business basis and will get value received for every cent that is paid out.

To do this it will not be necessary to call in the co-operation of a committee of citizens as was suggested when the deficit first began to threaten. St. Louis proposes to elect city officials in April who have the ability as well as the willingness to conduct the city as a paying private business is conducted.

With such an official corps on duty in the City Hall, it will be a matter of little difficulty to cut down the expenses of the Police Department if it is found that this department uses too large a portion of the city's revenue. It will not be hard to get executive co-operation at Jefferson City to bring this about, or legislation if such legislation is needed.

This is not a Utopian dream. If the present administration could divest itself of its desire to pay its debts to the gang and had the ability to take a broad business view of the city's affairs, it could carry out this project even though it has lost the confidence of the people. The present administration, after scraping off the barnacles and putting city governments on a business basis, could show the people that the expenses of the Police Department were too high, a public sentiment would arise which would irresistibly bring about reductions in that department if they were needed for the best interests of the city.

## EARLY CONVENTIONS.

Those St. Louisians who are resolutely determined to have an energetic, able and honest administration in charge of St. Louis's affairs during the next four years are too numerous and too watchful to be fooled by a political trick on this occasion.

That stock device—late conventions—by which politicians labor to defeat independent movements for pure government will not avail in the election of next April.

The first indication of chicanery on the part of the politicians will put in the field an independent ticket. The party which defers its nominating convention until so close to the election that time will be lacking for an effective protest against unfit nominations will be considered as having done its worst. It will be considered as having placed undesirable candidates in the field and the citizens of St. Louis will act accordingly.

In the municipal election voters are demanding ample time to scrutinize the party tickets from Mayor to members of the House of Delegates, and to take action to remedy defects. They demand that the tickets of both parties be in the field several weeks before the election. If both parties ignore this demand for early nomination the citizens, independent of party, will take the matter into their own hands.

For this purpose chiefly earnest reformers should organize. It will not do to wait until the time for the conventions has passed. Plans of organization to enlist on the side of the city every person who wants an able business administration should be perfected immediately. No man who enlists in such an organization need sacrifice his party standing until it is shown that his party is opposed to his interests and those of his city through having made unfit nominations or through having delayed its nominations.

## WORK FOR VICTORY.

It is gratifying to learn that the well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of World's Fair workers last Tuesday night had the instant effect of arousing renewed interest in the great ant-

prise, and that the movement for the early completion of the local fund of \$500,000 has begun with commendable vigor.

This movement must now be prosecuted with an energy and effectiveness that shall compel success. When the World's Fair committees again come together in conference two weeks hence it is highly desirable that the official report then submitted shall announce that the \$500,000 fund has been subscribed in full. Not until that has been done may there safely be the slightest relaxation of effort on the part of the friends of the World's Fair.

And when St. Louis shall have subscribed this \$500,000 to the World's Fair, thus performing its full duty in the field of financing that great enterprise, all that then remains to be done will be the active prosecution of World's Fair work proper. The Congress soon to convene may then be asked for the appropriation voted during its previous session. The Legislatures of the various States of the Union may then be requested to authorize and provide for State exhibits at the World's Fair of 1903 in St. Louis. The necessary steps may be taken to insure a splendid national exhibit. Foreign Governments will then perceive that the World's Fair is an assured fact, and will themselves begin preparations for their participation therein.

The prospect is one that should stimulate St. Louisans to their best endeavor. There should be no antagonism and no indifference manifested. The World's Fair spirit should be the animating St. Louis spirit. Here is the keynote of the situation—St. Louis will have a World's Fair in 1903; it must be made the most successful in the history of World's Fairs.

## FACING A DIFFICULTY.

It is difficult to understand how the Republican reappointment plan, intended to materially decrease the Southern representation in Congress, can be put into effect without so signal a discrimination against the threatened States as to cause a violation of constitutional right.

To attain the ends sought by the Republican schemers it will be necessary to amend the Constitution of the United States. The problem created by this necessity is that of making this amendment apply only to those States where it is to the interest of the Republicans to cut down the Congressional representation.

One way of doing this would be that of distinctly specifying by name the States against which the amendment was aimed. It is not likely that the Republicans are willing to undertake this impossible task.

Nor is it probable that the Republican schemers will take the only other logical action—that of amending the Constitution so as to provide for a Congressional representation from each State based on the vote cast in presidential elections. The operation of such an amendment would be as perilous to the Republican party as to the section which they now seek to weaken in Congress. It would, in addition, necessitate frequent and widely fluctuating changes in the proportional representation, and would make more unstable than ever the political complexion of that body.

It is not unreasonable to believe, as well, that such a system would offer an additional premium on ballot-box stuffing.

Profound interest, therefore, will follow the course of the dominant party in its plot to punish a section of the Union for legitimately exercising the right to support that political organization which most strongly commends itself to the popular mind. The Republicans confront an awkward problem. Sectional discrimination under the Constitution is anything but easy.

Had Councilman Hodges's retrenchment measures been adopted by the Municipal Assembly when they were presented there would have been no deficit and Councilman Hodges would have remained chairman of the Council Ways and Means Committee. But the Ziegenhain system requires big pay rolls whether work is done or not.

Councilman Hodges's pigeonholed retrenchment bills form an incontrovertible answer to the men who are trying to throw the blame for the city's deficit elsewhere than on the Ziegenhain administration.

Scratch a man who is howling about the good-government movement being an attempt to drag the World's Fair into politics and you'll find a Ziegenhain ringer of the rankest partisanship.

It is true that the Constitution stands between the Republicans and success in their Southern reappointment plot, but the Constitution cuts mighty little ice with Republicans these days.

And now it seems that the European Powers are compelling Mr. McKinley to consent to receive a slice of China. This is "manifest destiny" of a peculiarly absurd kind.

There is something almost pathetic in the Globe-Democrat's rage that The Republic should be so faithless as to place the good of St. Louis above that of party.

Is the Globe-Democrat keeping politics out of the World's Fair when it asserts that the World's Fair "are making it a great political snafu"?

Rather than see the misrule of Ziegenhainism terminated in St. Louis the gang organ is willing to smash the World's Fair to smithereens.

A cursory scansion of the million and a quarter deficit which afflicts St. Louis will doubtless act as a wet blanket to the water-rate reducers.

Good Democrats and good Republicans alike are now uniting in work for the World's Fair and honest municipal government.

## Beauty's Indifference.

There's a deep-glowing moment.  
 Just as the night comes down,  
 When the world is in black velvet robes,  
 Yet wears a sun-gilded crown;  
 There's light in all the shadows,  
 And shadows in the light,  
 And it's worth a long and weary day  
 To see so rare a sight.

O swift must be the painter  
 Who would this moment claim;  
 The brush needs fit with hurried touch.  
 It is a race for fame.  
 And nature, ah, how fickle  
 She minute's care mood;  
 She would not stretch this moment out  
 Though all earth's painters stood.

RILEY D. SAUNDERS.

## MRS. JOEL WOOD RECEIVES, ASSISTED BY MISS BAIN.



First Function in the New Westminster Place Mansion.

## SOME PERSONAL NOTES.

Largest of the social events of yesterday was the afternoon reception given by Mrs. Joel Wood, the first function in her handsome new mansion, No. 401 Westminster place. The house has only been completed this fall, and Mrs. Wood and her daughters have but recently given up their suite at the Grand Avenue Hotel, where they have lived for several years and gone to housekeeping.

In spite of the size and imposing proportions of the house and its rooms, the appointments have all been so carefully chosen and the furnishings selected so tastefully that everything harmonizes; present an elegant appearance, and most important of all, preserves the "home" feature. Mrs. Wood's new residence is, foremost of all, a place in which to live, as well as to entertain. Simple arrangements of flowers were employed to add to the attractiveness of the house yesterday, clusters of long-stemmed American beauties being placed in desirable positions; in the pink drawing-room, and in the library, Mrs. Wood's new residence is, foremost of all, a place in which to live, as well as to entertain. 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